

Hearty Bean and Vegetable Soup

This healthy meal is sure to please your entire family.

Makes 8 servings. 2 cups per serving.

Prep time: 20 minutes (excludes soaking beans)

Cook time: 3 hours

Nutrition information per serving

Calories 297, Carbohydrate 49 g, Protein 22 g, Total Fat 3 g, Saturated Fat 1 g, Cholesterol 13 mg, Sodium 334 ma, Dietary Fiber 14 a

Ingredients

- ½ cup each dried pink beans, dried lentils, dried black beans, yellow split peas, dried kidney beans, and dried black-eyed peas
- 8 cups water
- 1 smoked ham hock (about ½ pound)
- 1 teaspoon each dried basil, dried rosemary, dried marjoram, and crushed red chilies
- ½ teaspoon each salt and ground black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 cup chopped carrots
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery
- (14½-ounce) cans no salt added diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce



Preparation

- Rinse dried pink
 beans, lentils, black
 beans, yellow split peas,
 kidney beans, and black-eyed
 peas under cold running water.
 Place beans, lentils, and peas in a
 large bowl, then cover with water
 to 2 inches above the mixture.
 Cover and let stand 8 hours,
 then drain.
- Combine drained bean, lentil and pea mixture, water, and ham hock in a large pot; bring to a boil. Add spices, onion, carrots, celery, tomatoes, and tomato sauce. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 2 hours. Uncover and cook 1 hour.
- 3. Discard bay leaf. Remove ham hock from soup. Remove meat from bone; shred meat with 2 forks. Return meat to soup.

